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**Subject: Application Number A-10/20, 739 Woolwich Street**

To: The Committee of Adjustment of the City of Guelph

Dear Cam & Trista:

Together with Rose Soligo, I am co-chairing a Campaign to create Youth Wellness Hubs in our region. Needless to say, when one in five youth experience mental health and | or substance use disorders we have a real crisis. I am astonished that 75% of all mental health conditions have their onset by early adulthood. We need to do something and I am writing to ask you both for help!!

I understand that the city is considering a request to permit a retail store selling cannabis to open at 739 Woolwich Street, close to what will be the new site of the Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington (CMHA WW).

CMHA WW provides services to those seeking mental health and addiction support, and it's my understanding that their planned new location on Woolwich Street will focus on support for children and youth. Should this permit be granted, we will be putting those children and youth at risk each time they seek help at this location.

Regardless, of personal preferences, perspectives on cannabis, I would strongly encourage you to reject this application. As a community we must support our residents, including youth, by ensuring that help is available to them where and when they need it, and not allowing obstacles, such as a cannabis store, to get in the way of their wellness and recovery.

Any help and guidance you can provide would be much appreciated!!

Best regards,



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